

10/09/12 MEETING MINUTES

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MANITOWOC

PRESENT: T. Bare, K. Beilke, P. Blashka, K. Reynolds, M. Schilder

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30 by T. Bare
2. No Public input
3. Motion made and seconded to approve previous minutes of 7/24/12 Police & Fire Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Police Chief's department update included an ordinance they are currently working on to kick people out of city parks who are causing problems, OWI enforcement utilizing officers from various departments in which the state pays the overtime, problems associated with County having switched frequencies but not informing anyone, and a homeless shelter coming to Manitowoc. His budget update included having to cut \$500,000, that 64 Sworn Officers has been reduced to 61 but they're trying to make it up through the COPS Grant if still available, and he also informed the commission that state law in ACT 10 states that any reductions in Police or Fire must be approved by Police & Fire Commission.
5. Fire Chief's department & budget update included that the Firefighter union volunteered to pay 12.5% insurance and additional 2% to Wisconsin Retirement System, and new firefighters start at a new rate which is 14.9% less and they pay full insurance. He also reported 46 firefighters moved up to Critical Care, and they received a FEMA grant to lower overtime by \$54,000 and cover 3 firefighters at 100% over the next two years. Chief also reported that he had already cut \$1million out of the budget and then the Mayor cut another \$309,000 in salaries (equating to 6 jobs which could close a Fire Station) and \$84,000 in overtime. Chief showed a video presentation about fire then (legacy) vs now (modern), and gave the commission call volume statistics from 1980 and current to help explain why staffing needs to stay where it's at. He ended by stating that council passed the FEMA grant and that 1 firefighter resigned since last meeting.
6. Next meeting November 13, 2012
7. Meeting Adjourned 5:25